



## **SOUTH RUSSIAN SHEPHERD DOG**

**ORIGIN :** Russia

**ACW CLASSIFICATION :** Group 1 Sheepdogs and Cattle Dogs

**GENERAL APPEARANCE :** Robust, lean, with massive bone structure and a strongly developed musculature. The males are courageous, stronger and more massive than the females.

**Faults :** Females of male type. Severe faults : Effeminate type male.

**IMPORTANT PROPORTIONS :** - Index of bone structure : Males 17 - 19 Females 16 - 18 - Length index (Format) : 108 - 110.

**BEHAVIOUR AND TEMPERAMENT :** Type of highly nervous activity, strong, balanced, lively.  
**Dominant reaction :** active way of defense.

**HEAD :** Elongated shape with a moderately broad forehead; the occipital crest and the zygomatic arches are strongly pronounced. The stop is barely visible. The nose is big, black. Teeth : White, big, fitting closely. The incisors are set regularly and close in scissor bite. Broken teeth but not impeding a correct closure of the jaws. Lack of premolars. Decayed teeth. Incisors set irregularly. Ears : Relatively small, of triangular shape, hanging. Faults : Detached ears. Eyes : Oval shape, set horizontally, dark; the eyelids lean, tight.

**NECK :** Lean, muscular, of moderate length, set high.

**BODY :** Withers : Apparent but not high. Back : Straight and strong. Loin : Short, broad, rounded. Chest : Reasonably broad, slightly flattened, deep. Belly : Moderately tucked up.

**FEET (Front and back) :** Oval shaped, strong, well arched, covered with long hair.

**GAIT/MOVEMENT :** The gaits are free and extended. The natural gaits of this dog are the heavy trot and the gallop. At the trot, the legs move in a straight line with a slight convergence to the median line. The articulations of the fore- and hindquarters straightening up freely.

**COAT HAIR :** Long (10 – 15 cm), coarse, thick, dense, of equal length on head, chest, legs and tail, with a well developed undercoat.

**COLOUR :** Most often white, but also white and yellow, straw colour, greyish (ashen grey) and other shades of grey; white lightly marked with grey; grey speckled.

**SIZE:** Height at the withers : Males : a minimum of 65 cm. Females : a minimum of 62 cm.

**FAULTS :** Any departure from the foregoing points should be considered a fault and the seriousness with which the fault should be regarded should be in exact proportion to its degree and its effect upon the health and welfare of the dog.



DISQUALIFYING FAULTS : • Aggressive or overly shy. • Any dog clearly showing physical or behavioural abnormalities shall be disqualified. • Everything which does not correspond to a correct closure of jaws in scissor bite. • Hair short or straight. • All the shades of the coat which have not been taken into consideration in the present standard.

NOTE: • Male animals should have two apparently normal testicles fully descended into the scrotum. • Only functionally and clinically healthy dogs, with breed typical conformation, should be used for breeding